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SUBJECT: THE CROWN OF ST. STEPHEN

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1. AMBASSADOR BARTHA INFORMED ME THIS MORNING THAT THERE WAS NO BASIS WHATSOEVER FOR HOFFMAN'S STORY IN THE DECEMBER 12 NEW YORK TIMES. HE SAID THAT A THOROUGH CHECK REVEALS THAT HOFFMAN DID NOT TELEPHONE ANY OFFICIAL IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE, IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE PRESS DEPARTMENT NOR IN THE GOVERNMENT'S INFORMATION DEPARTMENT, NOR HAS HOFFMAN BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE HUNGARIAN PRESS ATTACHE IN THEIR EMBASSY IN VIENNA.

2. BARTHA ADDED THAT SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER HE WANTED TO REAFFIRM THAT ANY INDIVIDUAL CHOSEN BY THE PRESIDENT TO HEAD THE DELEGATION WOULD BE TREATED WITH THE HIGHEST REGARD AND RESPECT. THEY WOULD BE ESPECIALLY HONORED IF THE PRESIDENT CHOSE MRS. CARTER. (COMMENT: THIS CONFIRMS WHAT WE HAVE BEEN TOLD CONTINUALLY BY TOP HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS.)

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3. THE GOH DOES NOT INTEND TO REPLY DIRECTLY TO THE HOFFMAN ARTICLE. APPARENTLY, HOWEVER, THEY ARE PLANNING TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATE ZYELNBONHU THE STATEMENT THAT WILL ACCOMPANY THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE.

4. IN THAT SAME STATEMENT THEY WILL ALSO SAY THAT CARDINAL LEKAI AND OTHER RELIGIOUS LEADERS HAVE BEEN

INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CEREMONY (OPTION B).

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